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- (b) a container comprising a storage chamber into which the playpieces may be independently stored or withdrawn during the course of play thereby providing the opportunity for emotions to be kinesthetically represented.

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13. (Three Times Amended) A method of exploring emotional experience, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a toy comprising a plurality of playpieces, each playpiece being generally symbolic of a particular emotion and each playpiece comprising a unique color, a unique shape, and unique visually discernible facial expression of the corresponding particular emotion, said facial expression comprising eyes and a mouth, and a container comprising a storage chamber into which the playpieces may be independently stored or withdrawn during the course of play; and
- (b) interacting with the toy to explore an emotional experience.

Please add the following new claims:

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17. (New) The interactive toy of claim 1, wherein each playpiece further comprises textual information indicative of the particular emotion corresponding to the playpiece.

18. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein each playpiece further comprises textual information indicative of the particular emotion corresponding to the playpiece.

Remarks

The above amendments and following remarks are submitted in order to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2002. Claims 1, 4, and 6-16 are pending. With this response, claims 1 and 13 are amended. Claims 17 and 18 are added. No new matter is introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and further examination of the application are respectfully requested.